



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

HEALTH CENTER WEEK

WHEREAS, community health centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, community health care centers, in conjunction with county health departments, expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, community health centers have made great strides in the Florida health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care; and

WHEREAS, community health centers empower communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is important to support community health centers in the State of Florida to ensure quality health care; and

WHEREAS, community health centers promote 100 percent access and zero health disparities to help achieve improved health care for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 9 – 15, 2009 as *Health Center Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 6th day of July, in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charlie Crist".

Governor